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REPLY

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed August 11, 2005, kindly amend the above-captioned application as set forth below. Applicants also respectfully request a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. Should additional extensions of time or fees be necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261. In the event of such charges, please advise accordingly.

Amendments to the Claims start at page 2 of this reply.

Remarks start at page 6 of this reply.

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